

OWEN, WILLIAM (1830 - 1865), musician

Name: William Owen
Date of birth: 1830
Date of death: 1865
Parent: Beti Owen
Parent: William Owen
Gender: Male
Occupation: musician
Area of activity: Music; Religion
Author: Robert David Griffith

Born 11 May 1830 at Tremadoc, Caernarfonshire, the son of William and Beti Owen. He was educated at the British school, Pont-ynys-galch, Portmadoc; later, he received some instruction from [Owen Griffith](#), Garn Dolbenmaen. He and his brother carried on the work followed by the father, who had been connected with the timber trade. He was given lessons in organ-playing by a Mrs. Coventry (the earl of Coventry's niece) who kept a private school at Tremadoc. Among his eisteddfod successes were - an anthem, ' Can Moses a Chân yr Oen,' at the Bethesda eisteddfod of 1851, and, in the same year, at Eisteddfod Madog, an anthem ' Gweddi Habacuc.' An anthem by him to the words beginning ' Wrth afonydd Babilon ' was published; several carols and hymn-tunes composed by him were also published - e.g. the hymn-tune ' Porthmadog ' appeared in *Caniadau y Cysegr a'r Teulu*, 1865. He died 2 August 1865, and was buried in Penmorfa churchyard.

Author

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